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Excellency,

Accessibility is vital to enabling persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life, in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Through its resolution 73/341, the General Assembly has advocated for the improvement of accessibility in the United Nations for persons with disabilities.

In this regard, building on the progress made earlier, I have the pleasure to re-appoint His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda, and Her Excellency Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as co-chairs of the Steering Committee on Accessibility.

I would like to thank Ambassador Webson and Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield for having accepted this very important responsibility. I encourage all delegations, the Secretariat, and other stakeholders to engage and support the co-chairs to improve accessibility in the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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